

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. No claims have been added nor have any claims been withdrawn. Therefore, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-24 are still pending.

Claims 1-24 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,061,214. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by SHENAI et al. US2003003026. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In order that the rejection of the claims to be sustainable, it is fundamental that "each and every element as set forth in the claims be found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." Verdegall Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). See also, Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989), where the court states, "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim".

Furthermore, "all words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art." In re Wilson, 424 F.2d 1382, 1385, 165 USPQ 494, 496 (CCPA 1970).

Applicants would like to respectfully point out to the examiner that each of the independent claim recite a "single-inductor dual-output buck converter:

1. (Original) A single-inductor dual-output buck converter comprising..
9. (Original) A single-inductor dual-output buck converter comprising..
14. (Original) A method of operating a single-inductor dual-output buck converter comprising...

Even though the pre-ambble recites and claims a "single-inductor," Applicants have amended the claims to make it specific that the converter uses a single inductor. The powers source 420 of SHENAI 20030030326 example is in SHENAI 5959439

which includes multiple inductors. Thus, SHENAI does not teach a “single-inductor dual-output buck converter” as claimed by the applicants.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted:

/Steven A. Shaw/

Steven A. Shaw
Reg. No.: 39,368

Customer No.: 23494
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INCORPORATED
P.O. Box 655474, M.S. 3999
Dallas, TX 75265
Telephone: (972) 917-5137
Facsimile: (972) 917-4418
email: steven-shaw@ti.com